

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the title with:

BALLOON CATHETER WITH ~~RADIOOPAQUE~~ RADIOPAQUE MARKER

Replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 29-31 with the following two paragraphs:

FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the preferred catheter marker arrangement of FIG. 2, during bending of the catheter tube; and

FIG. 6 is a cross sectional view of the distal end of a catheter having a marker at a tip thereof.

Replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 5-14 with the following paragraph:

According to ~~[[some]]~~ one embodiment, catheter 1 may comprise ~~[[a]]~~ catheter tip 20 equipped with ~~[[one]]~~ marker 21, as shown in FIG. 6. This arrangement can secure the visibility of the catheter tip and can be used with balloon catheters, aspiration catheters, guide catheters, angiographic catheters, imaging catheters, and in general with any kind of catheter. The positioning of the marker according to the preset invention at the catheter tip enhances the flexibility and the softness of the catheter tip to prevent the wall of the body vessels from

being injured.